

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Board & Committee

Thursday, May 14, 2015

Paulson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Duane Paulson (Vice Chair), Jeremy Walz, Christine Howard, Tom Schellinger, Bill Zaborowski, and Janel Brandtjen. **Absent:** Chair Gilbert Yerke. Brandtjen left the meeting at 2:32 and Howard left at 2:46.

Board Members Present: Supervisors Duane Paulson (Chair), Janel Brandtjen, Christine Howard, and Bill Zaborowski, and Citizen Members Sarah Justin, Michael O'Brien, and Mary Lodes. **Absent:** Citizen Members Dr. Steven Kulick, Lori Cronin, and Tim Whitmore. Brandtjen left the meeting at 2:32 and Howard left at 2:46.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Mental Health Center Administrator Jeff Lewis, Clinical Services Manager Joan Sternweis, Intake & Support Services Manager Jesus Mireles, Programs & Projects Analyst/Health & Human Services Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Bridget Gnad, Foster Care Coordinator/Health & Human Services Safety Committee Chair Janis Mantel-Ramos, Children & Family Services Manager Lisa Roberts, Birth to Three Supervisor Linda Wetzel, Environmental Health Manager Sarah Ward, and Public Health Manager Dr. Nancy Healy-Haney. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

Committee Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 4-16-15

MOTION: Zaborowski moved, second by Brandtjen to approve the minutes of April 16.
Motion carried 6-0.

Schedule Next Meeting Date

- June 11

Executive Committee Report of 4-20-15

Spaeth said the Executive Committee, at their last meeting, approved several ordinances and appointments which have since been approved by the County Board, and heard a report on the 2014 Thriving Waukesha County initiative.

State Legislative Update

Spaeth advised the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) approved the governor's proposal on emergency detention, as amended, to allow for more flexibility as to who can perform crisis assessments and also that it can be done over the phone. The JFC kept the governor's recommendation to provide \$1.5 million in county crisis grants. How they will be allocated is unknown at this time. They also approved the governor's plan to consolidate mental health program funding into one grant program. They added a requirement that the State Department of Health Services work with stakeholders including counties to determine how that money will be distributed. The JFC approved the governor's plan to move the Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program from the State Department of Transportation to the State Department of Health

Services. However, the \$155,000 in State funding for this program was eliminated and will have to be absorbed in the County's budget. Also, the republican leadership issued a press release indicating they are not in support of the governor's proposal as written regarding Aging & Disability Resource Centers.

Board Agenda Items

Approval of Appointment Applications at Mental Health Center (*Board*)

Lewis asked the board for approval of the following appointments: Gobind Kang-Chahal, M.D.; Virginia Anguilar-Sincaban, M.D.; Mindas Siliunas, M.D.; and Jennifer Carrasco, Ph.D. Lewis said the Medical & Psychological Staff Credentials Committee approved the recommendations at their January 13 meeting and O'Brien noted the Joint Conference Committee also approved them at their May 4 meeting.

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Zaborowski to approve the above-listed appointments. Motion carried 7-0.

Educational Segment on Emergency Preparedness and Safety Committee (*Combined*)

Ramos and Gnadt gave a presentation on the Health & Human Services Safety Committee and Emergency Preparedness as outlined in their PowerPoint presentation. This included history and evolution of the committee, role and expanded role of the preparedness coordinator, future goals, etc. The mission of the committee is to promote the safety, protection, and well being of all departmental employees in their delivery of services through education and awareness. The committee developed a Safety Incident Review Process and collaborates with the Court Security and Facilities Committee. Feedback from staff and surveys are used to prioritize goals. Incident reviews necessitated many improvements at the Human Services Center including first aid kits, frosted glass, a new accident reporting procedure, an emergency response team, etc. The committee aims to increase staff knowledge of safety resources such as the Safety Committee, the Emergency Response Team, and support by the Sheriff's Department and others through Lunch and Learn programs, safety related emails and articles, drills, new employee training, etc.

Educational segment on Trauma at Risk Screening Program (*Combined*)

Roberts and Wetzel discussed the trauma informed care system with at-risk preschool children and the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study as outlined in their PowerPoint presentation. Wetzel said this grant funded program is new and innovative in the department. Staff began exploring the developmental needs of children zero to five in the Child Protective Services system in 2010. It became apparent many of these children had trauma history but did not qualify for the system that was in place – an unmet need. Roberts said these are children in foster care or in a relative's home and have experienced abuse or neglect and were at risk for poor developmental outcomes. In 2014, 178 kids with a substantiated finding of abuse or neglect were in care and in 2015 (January 1-April 30) there were 119. Roberts indicated of those, about 35-40% at any given time fall into the zero to five range. Wetzel said early abusive experiences can lead to physical changes in the brain and physiological changes in the body due to stress, both of which impact child development.

Wetzel said this program is in its third year and they have serviced 54 children. The program supports caregivers in parenting children with a history of trauma, supports the child's capacity to learn and relate to others, and encourages the development of resiliency for both caregivers and children. To answer Lodes' question, Roberts said there are a multitude of services available

through the department for foster parents which she explained further. Wetzel said staff do assessments, collaborate with social workers and caregivers, make home visits, etc. Roberts discussed the importance of this program and early intervention, not just for the well being of the child but how it will save taxpayer dollars in the future (e.g., teen pregnancy, high school dropout, illegal drug and alcohol abuse). High quality home visiting child abuse prevention programs have been found to return about \$3.00/dollar of cost. Evidence-based child trauma treatments return \$3.64/dollar of cost. Wetzel reviewed pre and post data and successes in the areas of gross and fine motor development, social skills, language comprehension and expression, personal living skills, and community living skills. Skill areas that did not see significant improvements will be targeted in next year's plan.

Brandtjen left the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

Update on Environmental Health (Combined)

Ward gave an overview of the following programs within the Environmental Health Division. These include Licensing, Well and Septic, and Human Health. In 2014 there were 2,609 inspections/consultations for restaurants and retail establishments, 108 temporary food permits were issued, and there were 269 inspections and consultations for 242 public pools, camps, etc. A total of 1,781 water samples were processed. Also in 2014 there were 638 animal bite incidents of which, 134 specimens were submitted for rabies testing. Ward noted there were 173 complaints for animal abuse/neglect and staff did 44 humane animal presentations of which 2,093 people attended. A total of 1,150 radon kits were sold to local health departments and 512 to the public in the county, there were 673 contacts (email, phone or walk-in), and staff followed up on two cases of children with lead poisoning. Staff maintained and inspected 57 County owned fuel storage tanks, there were 74 environmental assessments for proposed acquisitions of tax delinquent properties, and 110 human health hazard complaints involving bedbugs, air quality, landlord issues, and mold.

Ward said staff began using HealthSpace for the Licensing Program which has allowed inspectors to go paperless. All field work and any necessary signatures are done on electronic devices. Beginning in January, all inspections can be found online on the County website.

Howard left the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

MOTION: Zaborowski moved, second by Justin to adjourn the board at 2:50 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION: Schellinger moved, second by Walz to adjourn the committee at 2:50 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Tour of Public Health Division (Combined)

Healy-Haney led the committee and board members on a tour of the Public Health Division at the new Human Services Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Janel Brandtjen
Secretary for the Committee